

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2641–2657

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 991–1000, and S. Res. 148. **Page S2650**

Measures Reported:

S. 317, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–34)

S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 916, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission. **Page S2650**

Measures Passed:

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 135, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2017, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2653**

Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, Improvements Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 371, to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, and the bill was then

passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2653–54**

Cornyn (for Corker) Amendment No. 209, to require that the comparative report on peacekeeping operations include an assessment of the operational, structural, and doctrinal differences between the military and civilian infrastructures of the United States and United Nations and other assumptions that impact cost estimates. **Page S2653**

18th Annual National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 18th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 1 through May 5, 2017. **Page S2654**

Clayton Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Pages S2645–48, S2654**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2647–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S2654**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

21 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2655–57**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—117)	Page S2648

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2654.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2258–2279; 1 private bill, H.R. 2280; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 300–302 were introduced. **Pages H3002–03**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3004**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 910, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–102);

H.R. 1366, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States (H. Rept. 115–103);

H.R. 1312, to amend the Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980 to require an annual review by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the annual government-business forum on capital formation that is held pursuant to such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–104);

H.R. 1242, to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–105); and

H. Res. 299, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1180) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; providing for proceedings during the period from May 5, 2017, through May 15, 2017; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–106). **Pages H3001–02**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cheney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2975**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2977**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H2978**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2017: H.R. 910, amended, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 237; **Pages H2978–80**

Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act: H.R. 1312, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980 to require an annual review by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the annual government-business forum on capital formation that is held pursuant to such Act, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 238; **Pages H2980–81**

U.S. Territories Investor Protection Act of 2017: H.R. 1366, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States; **Pages H2981–83**

Follow the Rules Act: H.R. 657, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend certain protections against prohibited personnel practices, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 239; and **Pages H2983–84**

400 Years of African-American History Commission Act: H.R. 1242, amended, to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission. **Pages H2985–87**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H2987

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2988, H2988–89, and H2989. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1180, the “Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 1180. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–15 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 5, 2017, through May 15, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of May 4, 2017, or May 5, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Finally, in section 5, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of May 5, 2017. Testimony was heard from Chairman Foxx and Representative Polis.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D440)

H.J. Res. 99, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2017. Signed on April 28, 2017. (Public Law 115–30)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine United States European Command, focusing on theater assessment and European Reassurance Initiative (ERI) progress; to be immediately following by a closed hearing in SVC–217, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Transportation Command, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the United States-European Union covered agreement, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal payments to local governments provided through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and the need to provide greater fiscal certainty for resource-dependent communities with tax-exempt federal lands, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Terry Branstad, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine responses to the increase in religious hate crimes, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Armed Services. Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Three Decades Later: A Review and Assessment of Our Special Operations Forces 30-Years After the Creation of U.S. Special Operations Command”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Overview of the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Improvements to the Regulation of Medical Technologies”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Combating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Medicaid’s Personal Care Services Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Winning the Fight Against Human Trafficking: The Frederick Douglass Reauthorization Act”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Examining the Consequences of Executive Branch Overreach of the Antiquities Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on the “Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017”; H.R. 2196, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients; H.R. 2195, the “OSC Access Act”; and the “All Circuit Review Act”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Examining the Management of Red Snapper Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on Senate Amendments to H.R. 244, the “HIRE Vets Act”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2105, the “NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Airline Customer Service”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on the “Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “VA Specialized Services: Lower Extremity Conditions”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on post-referendum Turkey, focusing on institutions and human rights, 10:30 a.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through April 30, 2017

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	65	65	..
Time in session	445 hrs., 37'	295 hrs., 28'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,639	2,974	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	569	..
Public bills enacted into law	9	21	30
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	109	227	336
Senate bills	6	5	..
House bills	9	130	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	5	..
House joint resolutions	13	16	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	4	6	..
Simple resolutions	68	62	..
Measures reported, total	*52	99	151
Senate bills	27	..	..
House bills	4	58	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	20	39	..
Special reports	11	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	35	26	..
Measures introduced, total	1,182	2,705	3,887
Bills	980	2,257	..
Joint resolutions	41	100	..
Concurrent resolutions	14	50	..
Simple resolutions	147	298	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	116	110	..
Recorded votes .....	..	125	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through April 30, 2017

Civilian nominations, totaling 97, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	29
Unconfirmed	43
Withdrawn	25
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 371, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	371
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,616, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	58
Unconfirmed	1,558
Army nominations, totaling 2,726, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	7
Unconfirmed	2,719
Navy nominations, totaling 186, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1
Unconfirmed	185
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,252, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1,252

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....	..
Total nominations received from this Session	6,248
Total confirmed	95
Total unconfirmed	6,128
Total withdrawn	25
Total returned to the White House .....	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 33 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 101 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1180—Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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